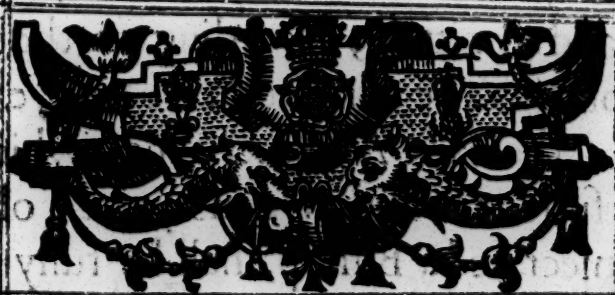




THE  
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MANNER OF MAKING  
and Consecrating BISHOPS,  
PRIESTES and  
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## THE PREFACE.



It is euident vnto all men, diligently reading holy Scripture, and ancient Authors, that from the Apostles time, there hath bene these orders of Ministers in Christs Church, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, Which offices were euermore had in such reuerent estimation, that no man by his owne private authoritie, might presume to execute any of them, except hee were first called, tried, examined and knowne to haue such qualities, as were requisite for the same, and also by publique prayer, with imposition of hands, approued and admitted thereunto. And therefore, to the intent these orders should bee continued, and reuerently vsed and esteemed in this Church of England, it is requisite that no man (not being at this present, Bishop, Priest, nor Deacon) shall execute any of them, except hee bee called, tried, examined, and admitted, according to the forme hereafter following. And none shall be admitted a Deacon, except hee bee twenty one yeeres of age at the least. And euery man which is to bee admitted a Priest, shall bee full foure and twentie yeeres old. And euery man which is to be consecrated a Bishop, shall be fully thirtie yeeres of age. And the Bishop knowing either by himselfe, or by sufficient testimony, any person to be a man of vertuous conuersation, and without crime, and after examination and tryall, finding him learned in the Latine tongue, and sufficiently instructed in holy Scripture, may vpon a Sunday or holy day, in the face of the Church, admit him a Deacon, in such manner and forme as hereafter followeth.

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## The Forme and manner of Ordering of DEACONS.

**F**irst, when the day appointed by the Bishop is come, there shall be an exhortation, declaring the due tie and office of such as come to bee admitted Ministers, how necessary such orders are in the Church of Christ, and also how the people ought to esteeme them in their vocation.

After the exhortation ended, the Archdeacon or his Deputie, shall present such as shall come to the Bishop to bee admitted, saying these words.

**R**everend Father in God, I present unto you these persons present, to be admitted Deacons.

The Bishop.

**T**ake heed that the persons whom yee present unto us, bee apt and meet, for their learning and goodly conversation, to exercise their ministerie duly, to the honour of God, and edifying of his Church.

The Archdeacon shall answer.

**I** have enquired of them, and also examined them, and thinke them so to be.

And the Bishop shall say unto the people.

**B**rethren, if there be any of you, who knoweth any impediment or notable crime, in any of these persons presented to be ordered Deacons, for the which hee ought not to bee admitted to the same, let him come forth in the Name of God, and shew what the crime or impediment is.

And if any great crime or impediment be objected, the Bishop shall surcease from ordering that person, untill such time as the party accused shall trie himselfe cleare of that crime.

Then the Bishop commending such as shall bee found meet to bee ordered, to the prayers of the Congregation, with the Clearkes and people present, shall say or sing the Letany, as followeth, with the prayers.



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## *The Letanie and Suffrages.*



**G**od the Father of heauen: haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

O God the Father of heauen: haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

**O** God the Sonne redeemer of the world: haue mercy vpon vs, miserable sinners.

O God the Sonne Redeemer of the world: haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

**O** God the holy Ghost proceeding from the Father and the Son: haue mercie vpon vs miserable sinners.

O God the holy Ghost proceeding from the Father and the Sonne: haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

**O** holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God: haue mercie vpon vs miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinitie, three persons and one God: haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

**R**emember not Lord our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sinnes: spare vs good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with vs for ever.

Spare vs good Lord.

**F**rom all euill and mischiefe, from sinne, from the crafts and assaults of the deuill, from thy wrath, and from euerlasting damnation.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

**F**rom all blindnesse of heart, from pride, vaine glory, and hypocrisie, from enuie, hatred, and malice, and all vncharitablenesse.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

**F**rom fornication, and all other deadly sinne, and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh & the deuill.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

**F**rom lightning and tempest, from plague, pestilence and famine, from battell and murther, and from sudden death.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

**F**rom all sedition and priuy conspiracy, from all false doctrine and heresse, from hardnesse of heart, and contempt of thy word and Commandement.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

**B**y the mystery of thy holy Incarnation, by thy holy Nativite and Circumcision, by thy Baptisme, fasting, and Temptation.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

**B**y thine agony and bloody sweat, by thy Crosse and Passion, by



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by thy precious Death and Buriall, by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the coming of the holy Ghost.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth, in the houre of death, and in the day of Judgement.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

Wee sinners doe beseech thee to heare vs (O Lord God) and that it may please thee to rule and gouerne thy holy Church vniuersally in the right way.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to keepe and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and holinesse of life, thy seruant Charles, our most gracious King and Gouernour.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to rule his heart in thy faith, feare and loue, and that he may euermore haue affiance in thee, and euere seeke thy honour and glory.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to bee his defender and keeper, giuing him the victory ouer all his enemies.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to blesse and preserue our gracious Queene Mary, Prince Charles, and the rest of the Royall Progenie.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Pastors, and Ministers of the Church, with true knowledge and vnderstanding of thy Word, and that both by their preaching and liuing, they may set it forth, and shew it accordingly.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to endue the Lords of the Councell, and all the Nobility, with grace, wisdom and vnderstanding.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to blesse and keepe the Magistrates, giuing them grace to execute Justice, and to maintaine trueth.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to blesse and keepe all thy people.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue to all Nations, vnity, peace, and concord.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue vs an heart to loue and dread thee, and diligently to liue after thy Commandements.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.



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That it may please thee to giue to all thy people increase of grace, to heare meekely thy word, and to receiue it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of trueth, all such as haue erred, and are deceiued.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as doe stand, and to comfort and helpe the weake hearted, and to raise vp them that fall, and finally to beate downe Satan vnder our feete.

Wee beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to succour, helpe and comfort, all that be in danger, necessity, and tribulation.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all that trauell by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sicke persons and young children, and to shew thy pity vpon all prisoners and captiues.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to defend and provide for the fatherlesse children and widowes, and all that bee desolate and oppressed.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to haue mercie vpon all men.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and to turne their hearts.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue and preserve to our vse the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time wee may enjoy them.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue vs true repentance, to forgive vs all our sinnes, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue vs with the grace of thy holy Spirit, to amend our liues according to thy holy word.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

Sonne of God: wee beseech thee to heare vs.

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O Lambe of God, that takest away the sinnes of the world.

Grant vs thy peace.

O Lambe of God, that takest away the sinnes of the world.

Haue mercy vpon vs.

O Christ heare vs.

O Christ heare vs.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

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Christ



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Christ haue mercy vpon vs.

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Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

Our father which art in heauen, &c.

And leade vs not into temptation.

But deliuer vs from euill. Amen.

The Versicle.

O Lord deale not with vs after our sinnes.

Answer.

Neither reward vs after our iniquities.

¶ Let vs pray.



God mercifull father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowfull, mercifully assist our prayers that wee make before thee, in all our troubles and aduersities, whensoever they oppress vs: and graciously heare vs, that those euils which the craft and subtilty of the deuill or man worketh against vs, be brought to nought, and by the prouidence of thy goodnesse they may be dispersed, that we thy seruants being hurt by no persecutions, may euer more giue thanks vnto thee in thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord arise, helpe vs, and deliuer vs for thy Names sake.

O God, we haue heard with our eares, and our fathers haue declared vnto vs the noble workes that thou diddest in their dayes, and in the old time before them.

O Lord arise, helpe vs, and deliuer vs for thine honour.

Glorie be to the father, and to the Sonne: and to the holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and euer shall be: world without end. Amen.

From our enemies defend vs, O Christ.

Graciously looke vpon our afflictions.

Pitifully behold the sorrowes of our hearts.

Mercifully forgiue the sinnes of thy people.

Fauourably with mercy heare our prayers.

O Sonne of Dauid, haue mercy vpon vs.

Both now and euer boughsafe to heare vs, O Christ.

Graciously heare vs, O Christ: graciously heare vs, O Lord Christ.

The Versicle.

O Lord let thy mercy be shewed vpon vs.

Answer.

As we doe put our trust in thee.



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¶ Let vs pray.

**V** We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to looke vpon our infirmities, and for the glory of thy Names sake, turne from vs all those euils that wee most righteously haue deserued: and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and euermore serue thee in holinesse and purenesse of liuing, to thy honour and glory, through our onely Mediatour and Aduocate Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A** Almighty God, which hast giuen vs grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications vnto thee, and doest promise that when two or three bee gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy seruants, as may be most expedient for them, granting vs in this world knowledge of thy trueth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

¶ Then shall bee said also this that followeth.

**A** Almighty God, which by thy diuine prouidence hast appointed diuers orders of Ministers in the Church, and diddest inspire thine holy Apostles, to chuse vnto this order of Deacons, the first Martyr S. Stephen with other: mercifully behold these thy seruants, now called to the like office and administration, replenish them so with the trueth of thy doctrine, and innocency of life, that both by word and good example, they may faithfully serue thee in this office to the glory of thy Name, and profit of the Congregation, through the merits of our Saviour Iesu Christ, who liueth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, now and for ever. Amen.

¶ Then shall be sung or said the Communion of the day, sauing the Epistle shall be read out of Timothie, as followeth.

**L**ike wise must the Ministers be honest, not double tongued, not giuen vnto much wine, neither greedy of filthy lucre, but holding the mystrie of the faith, with a pure conscience: and let them first be proued, and then let them minister, so that no man be able to reprove them. Euen so must their wiues be honest, not euil speakers, but sober, and faithfull in all things. Let the Deacons be the husbands of one wife, and such as rule their children



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children well, and their owne households: For they that minister well, get themselves a good degree, and a great liberty in the faith which is in Christ Iesu.

These things write I vnto thee, trusting to come shortly vnto thee: but and if I tarry long, that then thou mayest yet haue knowledge how thou oughtest to behaue thy selfe in the house of God, which is the congregation of the liuing God, the pillar and ground of truth. And without doubt, great is that mystery of godlinesse. God was shewed in the flesh, was iustified in the spirit, was seene among the Angels, was preached vnto the Gentiles, was beleueed on in the world, and receiued by in glory.

Or else this out of the sixth of the Acts.

**T**hen the twelue called the multitude of the Disciples together, and said, It is not meet that we should leaue the word of God, and serue tables. Wherefore brethren, looke yee out among you seuen men of honest report, and full of the holy Ghost and wisdom, to whom wee may commit this businesse: but wee will giue our selues continually to prayer, and to the administration of the word. And that saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith, and full of the holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Hermenas, and Nicholas, a conuert of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. And the word of God increased, and the number of the Disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly, and a great company of the priests were obedient vnto the faith.

And before the Gospel, the Bishop sitting in a chaire, shall cause the Oath of the Kings supremacie, and against the power and authoritie of all forreigne Potentates, to bee ministred vnto euery of them that are to be ordered.

### The Oath of the Kings

Soueraignetic.

**I**A. B. doe vtterly testifie and declare in my conscience, that the Kings Highnesse is the onely supreme Gouernour of this Realme, and of all other his Highnes Dominions and Countries, aswel in all spiritual or Ecclesiasticall things or causes, as Temporal: and that no forreigne Prince, Person, Prelate,



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**P**relate, State or Potentate, hath or ought to haue any iurisdiction, power, superiority, preeminence, or authority Ecclesiasticall, or Spirituall within this Realme, and therefore I doe vtterly renounce and forsake all forreigne Iurisdiccions, Powers, Superiorities, and authorities: and doe promise that from henceforth, I shall beare faith and true Allegiance to the Kings Highnesse, his Heires and lawfull Successours, and to my power shall assist and defend all Iurisdiccions, Priuiledges, Preeminences and Authorities, granted or belonging to the Kings Highnes, his Heires and Successours, or vniited and annexed to the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme, so helpe me God, and the Contents of this Booke.

Then shall the Bishop examine euery one of them that are to bee ordered, in the presence of the people, after this manner following.

**D**oe you trust that you are inwardly moued by the holy Ghost to take vpon you this office and ministration, to serue God, for the promoting of his glory, and the edifying of his people?

Answered.

I trust so.

The Bishop.

**D**oe you thinke that yee truly be called according to the will of our Lord Iesus Christ, and the due order of this Realme, to the Ministry of the Church?

Answered.

I thinke so.

The Bishop.

**D**oe you vnfeignedly beleue all the Canonikall Scriptures of the old and new Testament?

Answered.

I doe beleue.

The Bishop.

**W**ill you diligently reade the same vnto the people assembled in the Church, where you shall be appointed to serue?

Answered.

I will.

The Bishop.

**I**t appertaineth to the office of a Deacon in the Church, where he shall be appointed to assist the Priest in diuine Seruice, and specially when he ministrerh the holy Communion, and to helpe him in distribution therof, and to reade holy Scriptures and Homilies in the Congregation, and to instruct the youth in the Catechisme, to baptize and to preach, if he bee admitted thereto by the Bishop. And furthermore, it is his office, where prouision is so made, to search



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search for the sicke, poore, and impotent people of the Parish, to intimate their estates, names, and places where they dwell vnto the Curate, that by his exhortation they may bee relieved by the Parish, or other convenient almes: will you doe this gladly and willingly?

Answer.

I will so doe by the helpe of God.

The Bishop.

**V**ill you applie all your diligence to frame and fashion your owne liues, and the liues of your familie, according to the doctrine of Christ, and to make both your selues and them, as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples of the flocke of Christ?

Answer.

I will so doe, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

**V**ill you reuerently obey your Ordinary and other chiefe Ministers of the Church, and them to whom the gouernement and charge is committed ouer you, following with a glad minde and will, their godly admonitions?

Answer.

I will indeauour my selfe, the Lord being my helper.

Then the Bishop laying his hands seuerally vpon the head of euery of them, shall say,

Take thou authoritie to execute the office of a Deacon in the Church of God committed vnto thee: In the Name of the Father, the Sonne, and the holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shal the Bishop deliuer to euery one of them the New Testament, saying,

Take thou authoritie to reade the Gospel in the Church of God, and to preach the same, if thou be thereto ordinarily commanded.

Then one of them appointed by the Bishop, shall reade the Gospel of that day.

Then shall the Bishop proceed to the Communion, and all that are ordered shall tarry and receiue the holy Communion the same day with the Bishop.

The Communion ended, after the last Collect, and immediately before the Benediction, shall be said this Collect following.

**A**lmighty God, giuer of all good things, which of thy great goodnesse hast vouchsafed to accept and take these thy seruants vnto



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vnto the offices of Deacons in thy Church: make them wee beseech thee (O Lord) to bee modest, humble, and constant in their ministration, to haue a ready will to obserue all spirituall discipline, that they hauing alwayes the testimony of a good conscience, and continuing euer stable and strong in thy Sonne Christ, may so well vse themselves in this inferiour office, that they may be found worthy to bee called vnto the higher ministeries in thy Church, through the same thy Sonne our Sauour Christ, to whom be glory and honour world without end. Amen.

And here it must bee shewed vnto the Deacon, that hee must continue in that office of a Deacon, the space of a whole yeere at the least (except for reasonable causes it bee otherwise seene to his Ordinary) to the intent hee may be perfect, and well expert in the things appertaining to the Ecclesiasticall administration, in executing whereof, if he be found faithfull and diligent, he may be admitted by his Diocesan, to the order of Priesthood.



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When the exhortation is ended, then shall follow the Communion. And for the Epistle, shall bee read out of the twentieth Chapter of the Actes of the Apostles, as followeth.

**F**rom Mileto, Paul sent messengers to Ephesus, and called the Elders of the Congregation: which when they were come to him, hee said vnto them, Pee know that from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I haue beene with you at all seasons, seruing the Lord with all humbleness of minde, and with many teares and temptations, which happened vnto me by the layings a wait of the Jewes, because I would keepe backe nothing that was profitable vnto you, but to shew you, and teach you openly throughout euery house, witnessing both to the Jewes, and also to the Greekes, the repentance that is toward God, and the faith which is toward our Lord Jesus. And now behold, I goe bound in the spirit vnto Hierusalem, not knowing



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knowing the things that shall come on me there, but that the holy Ghost witnesseth in euery Citty, saying that bands and troubles abide mee. But none of these things moue me, neither is my life deare vnto my selfe, that I might fulfill my course with ioy, and the ministratiō of the word, which I haue receiued of the Lord Iesu, to testifie the Gospel of the grace of God. And now behold, I am sure that henceforth yee all (through whom I haue gone preaching the kingdome of God) shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men: for I haue spared no labour, but haue shewed you all the counsell of God. Take heed therefore vnto your selues, and to all the flocke, among whom the holy Ghost hath made you ouerseers, to rule the Congregation of God, which hee hath purchased with his blood. For I am sure of this, that after my departing shall grievous woolues enter in among you, not sparing the flocke. Moreover, of your owne selues shall men arise, speaking peruerse things, to draw disciples after them. Therefore awake, and remember that by the space of thre yeeres, I ceased not to warne every one of you night and day with teares.

And now brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build further, and to giue you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I haue desired no mans siluer, gold, or besture: Yea, you know your selues, that these hands haue ministered vnto my necessities, and vnto them that were with mee. I haue shewed you all things, how that so labouring, yee ought to receiue the weake, and to remember the words of our Lord Iesus, how that hee said, It is more blessed to giue, then to receiue.

Or else this third Chapter, of the first Epistle to Timothie.

**T**his is a true saying, If any man desire the office of a Bishop, he desireth an honest worke. A Bishop therefore must be blamelesse, the husband of one wife, diligent, sober, discrete, a keeper of hospitality, apt to teach, not giuen to ouer much wine, no fighter, not greedy of filthy lucre, but gentle, abhorring fighting, abhorring couetousnesse, one that ruleth well his own house, one that hath children in subiection with all reuerence. For if a man cannot rule his owne house, how shall hee care for the Congregation of God? He may not be a yong Scholer, lest he swell and fall into the iudgement of the euill speaker. He must also haue a good report of them which are without: lest hee fall into rebuke and snare of the euill speaker.

Likewise must the Ministers be honest, not double tongued,  
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not giuen vnto much wine, neither greedy of filthy lucre, but holding the myserie of the faith, with a pure conscience: and let them first be proued, and then let them minister, so that no man be able to reprove them.

Euen so must their wiues be honest, not euill speakers: but sober, and faithfull in all things. Let the Deacons be the husbands of one wife, and such as rule their children well, and their owne households: for they that minister well, get themselves a good degree, and great liberty in the faith, which is in Christ Jesus. These things write I vnto thee, trusting to come shortly vnto thee: but if I tarry long, that then thou mayest haue yet knowledge, how thou oughtest to behaue thy selfe in the house of God, which is the Congregation of the liuing God, the pillar and ground of truerh.

And without doubt, great is that myserie of godlinesse: God was shewed in the flesh, was iustified in the Spirit, was seene among the Angels, was preached vnto the Gentiles, was beleued on in the world, and receiued vp in glory.

After this shall be read for the Gospel, a piece of the last Chapter of Matthew, as followeth.

Jesus came and spake vnto them, saying, All power is giuen vnto me in heauen and in earth: Goe ye therefore, and teach all Nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Ghost, teaching them to obserue all things whatsoever I haue commanded you: and loe, I am with you alway, euen vntill the end of the world.

Or else this that followeth, out of the tenth Chapter of Iohn.

Verily, verily I say vnto you, Hee that entresth not in by the doore into the sheepfold, but climbeth by some other way, the same is a thiefe and a murtherer. But hee that entresth in by the doore, is the shepherd of the sheepe: to him the porter openeth, and the sheepe heare his voyce, and hee calleth his owne sheepe by name, and leadeth them out. And when hee hath sent forth his owne sheepe, hee goeth before them, and the sheepe folloow him, for they know his voyce. A stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him, for they know not the voyce of strangers. This pro- uerbe spake Jesus vnto them, but they vnderstood not what things they were which hee spake vnto them. Then said Jesus vnto them againe, Verily, verily I say vnto you, I am the doore of the sheepe: and all (euen as many as came before mee) are theeves and murderers, but the sheepe did not heare them. I  
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am the doore: by me if any man enter in, he shall be safe, and goe in and out, and finde pasture. A thiefe commeth not but for to steale, kill, and to destroy. I am come, that they might haue life, and that they might haue it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd giueth his life for the sheepe. An hired seruant, and he which is not the shepherd (neither the sheepe are his owne) seeth the wolfe comming, and leaueth the sheep, and fleeth, and the wolfe catcheth and scattereth the sheepe. The hired seruant fleeth, because hee is an hired seruant, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheepe, and am knowne of mine. As my father knoweth me, even so know I also my father. And I giue my life for the sheepe. And other sheepe I haue, which are not of this fold: them also must I bring, and they shall heare my voyce, and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

Or else this, of the xx. Chapter of Iohn.

**T**he same day at night, which was the first day of the Sabbath, when the doores were shut (where the Disciples were assembled together, for feare of the Iewes) came Iesus, and stood in the midst, and sayd vnto them, Peace be vnto you, and when hee had so sayd, he shewed vnto them his hands & his side. Then were the Disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Iesus vnto them againe, Peace be vnto you: As my father sent me, even so send I you also. And when he had said those words he breathed on them, and sayd vnto them, Receiue ye the holy Ghost. Whosoever's sinnes yee remit, they are remitted vnto them: and whosoever's sinnes yee retaine, they are retained.

When the Gospel is ended, then shall be sayd or sung.

**C**ome holy Ghost eternall God, proceeding from aboue:  
Both from the father and the Sonne, the God of peace and loue.

Visit our minds and into vs, thy heauenly grace inspire:

That in all truth and godlinesse, we may haue true desire.

Thou art the very Comforter, in all woe and distresse:

The heauenly gift of God most high, which no tongue can expresse.

The fountaine and the liuely spring, of ioy celestiall:

The fire so bright, the loue so cleare, and unction spirituall.

Thou in thy gifts art manifold, whereby Christs Church doth stand:

In faithfull hearts writing thy Law, the finger of Gods hand.

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According to thy promise made, thou givest speech of grace :  
That through thy helpe, the praise of God, may sound in euery place.

O holy Ghost into our wits send downe thy heauenly light :  
Kindle our hearts with feruent loue to serue God day and night.

Strength and stablish all our weaknesse, so feeble and so fraile :  
That neither flesh, the world nor deuill, against vs doe preuaile.  
Put backe our enemye farre from vs, and grant vs to obtaine,  
Peace in our hearts, with God and man, without grudge or disdaine.

And grant, O Lord, that thou being, our leader and our guide :  
We may eschew the snares of sinne and from thee neuer slide.

To vs such plentie of thy grace, good Lord, grant we thee pray:

That thou mayest be our Comforter at the last dreadfull day.

Of all strife and dissention, O Lord dissolue the bands :

And make the knots of peace and loue, throughout all Christian lands.

Grant vs, O Lord, through thee to know, the Father most of might:

That of his deare beloued Sonne, we may attaine the sight,

And that with perfect faith also we may acknowledge thee:

The Spirit of them both alway, one God in persons thre.

Laude and praise be to the Father, and to the Sonne equall:

And to the holy Spirit also, one God coeternall.

And pray wee that the onely Sonne, vouchsafe his Spirit to send :

To all that doe professe his Name, vnto the worlds end. Amen.

And then the Archdeacon shall present vnto the Bishop, all them that shall receiue the order of Priesthood that day, the Archdeacon saying,

**R**euere[n]d Father in God, I present vnto you these persons, present, to be admitted to the order of Priesthood.

*Cum interrogations & responsione, vt in ordine Diaconatus.*

And then the Bishop shall say to the people,

**G**od people, these bee they whom wee purpose, God willing, to receiue this day vnto the holy office of Priesthood: for after due examination, we finde not to the contrary, but that they be lawfully called to their function and ministerie, and that they bee persons



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persons meet for the same: but yet if there bee any of you, which knoweth any impediment, or notable crime of any of them, for the which hee ought not to be receiued into this holy ministration, now in the Name of God declare the same.

And if any great crime or impediment be objected,

*Ut supra in Ordine Diaconatus, usque ad finem Letanie, cum hac Collecta.*

**A** Almighty God, giuer of all good things, which by thy holy Spirit hast appointed diuers orders of Ministers in thy Church, mercifully behold these thy seruants, now called to the office of Priesthood, and replenish them so with the truth of thy doctrine, and innocency of life, that both by word and good example, they may faithfully serue thee in this office, to the glory of thy Name, and profit of thy Congregation, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liueth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Then the Bishop shall minister vnto euery one of them the Oath concerning the Kings Supremacie, as it is set forth in the order of Deacons, and that done, hee shall say vnto them which are appointed to receiue the said office, as hereafter followeth.

**Y** Du haue heard, brethren, as well in your priuate examination, as in the exhortation, and in the holy Lessons taken out of the Gospel, and of the writings of the Apostles, of what dignity, and of how great importance this office is (whereunto yee be called.) And now wee exhort you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to haue in remembrance into how high a dignity, and to how chargeable an office yee be called, that is to say, the messengers, the watchmen, the Pastours and the Stewards of the Lord, to teach, to premonish, to feede, and prouide for the Lords family, to seeke for Christs sheepe that be dispersed abroad, and for his children which bee in the midst of this naughty world, to bee saved through Christ for euer. Haue alwayes therefore printed in your remembrance how great a treasure is committed to your charge: for they be the sheepe of Christ, which hee bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood. The Church and Congregation whom you must serue, is his spouse and his body.

And if it shall chance the same Church, or any member thereof, to

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take any hurt or hinderance, by reason of your negligence, yet know the greatnesse of the fault, and also of the horrible punishment which will ensue. Wherefore, consider with your selues the end of your ministry, towards the children of God, towards the spouse and body of Christ, and see that you neuer cease your labour, your care, and diligence, vntill you haue done all that lieth in you, according to your bounden duety, to bring all such as are, or shall be committed to your charge, vnto that agreement in faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripenesse and perfectnesse of age in Christ that there be no place left among you, either of errour in Religion, or for viciousnesse in life.

Then, forasmuch as your office is both of so great excellencie, and of so great difficultie, ye see with how great care and study ye ought to apply your selues, as well that you may shew your selues kind to that Lord, who hath placed you in so high a dignity, as also to beware that neither you your selues offend, neither be occasion that other offend. Howbeit, ye cannot haue a mind and a wil thereto of your selues, for that power and ability is giuen of God alone. Therefore ye see how ye ought and haue need earnestly to pray for his holy Spirit. And seeing that you cannot by any other meanes compasse the doing of so weighty a worke pertaining to the salvation of man, but with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the holy Scriptures, and with a life agreeable vnto the same: Ye perceiue how studious ye ought to bee in reading and in learning the Scriptures, and in framing the maners, both of your selues, and of them that specially pertaine vnto you, according to the rule of the same Scriptures: And for this selfe same cause, ye see how ye ought to forsake and set aside (as much as you may) all worldly cares and studies.

Wee haue good hope, that you haue well weighed and pondered these things with your selues, long before this time, and that you haue clearly determined, by Gods grace, to giue your selues wholly to this vocation, wherunto it hath pleased God to call you, so that (as much as lieth in you) you apply your selues wholly to this one thing, and draw all your cares and studies this way, and to this end. And that you will continually pray for the heavenly assistance of the holy Ghost from God the Father, by the mediation of our onely Mediatour and Saviour Jesus Christ, that by daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures, ye may so waxe riper and stronger in your ministry: And that ye may so endeavour your selues from time to time, to sanctifie the liues of you and yours, and to fashion them after the rule and doctrine of Christ: And that ye may be wholesome and godly examples and patternes for the rest of the congregation to follow: & that this present  
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congregation of Christ here assembled, may also vnderstand your mindes and wils in these things: and that this your promise shall more moue you to do your duties, ye shall answere plainly to these things, which we in the name of the congregation shall demand of you touching the same.

Doe you thinke in your heart that you be truely called according to the will of our Lord Iesus Christ, and the order of this Church of England, to the ministry of Priesthood?

Answer.

I thinke it.

The Bishop.

**B**Ee you perswaded that the holy Scriptures contayne sufficiently all doctrine required of necessitie for eternall saluation, thorough faith in Iesu Christ? And are you determined with the sayd Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach nothing (as required of necessitie to eternall saluation) but that you shall be perswaded may be concluded, and prooued by the Scripture?

Answer.

I am so perswaded, and haue so determined by Gods grace.

The Bishop.

**V**ill you then giue your faithfull diligence, alwayes so to minister the doctrine and Sacraments, and the discipline of Christ, as the Lord hath commanded, and as this Realme hath receiued the same, according to the Commandements of God, so that you may teach the people committed to your cure and charge, with all diligence to keepe and obserue the same?

Answer.

I will so doe by the helpe of the Lord.

The Bishop.

**W**ill you bee ready with all faithfull diligence to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines, contrary to Gods word, and to vse both publike and priuate monitions and exhortations, as well to the sicke, as to the whole, within your cures, as need shall require, and occasion be giuen?

Answer.

I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

**V**ill you bee diligent in prayers, and in reading of the holy Scriptures, and in such studies as helpe to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?

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Answered.

I will endeavour my selfe so to doe, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

**W**ill you be diligent to frame and fashion your owne selves, and your families, according to the doctrine of Christ, and to make both your selves and them (as much as in you lieth) wholesome examples and spectacles to the flocke of Christ?

Answered.

I will apply my selfe, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

**W**ill you maintaine and set forwards (as much as lyeth in you) quietnes, peace, and loue, among all Christian people, and specially among them that are, or shall bee committed to your charge?

Answered.

I will so doe, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

**W**ill you reuerently obey your Ordinarie, and other chiefe Ministers, vnto whom the gouernment and charge is committed ouer you, following with a glad minde and will, their godly admonitions, and submitting your selves to their godly iudgements.

Answered.

I will so doe, the Lord being my helper.

Then shall the Bishop say,

**A** Almighty God, who hath giuen you this will to doe all these things, grant also vnto you strength and power to performe the same, that he may accomplish his worke which he hath begun in you, vntill the time hee shall come at the latter day, to iudge the quicke and the dead.

After this, the Congregation shall bee desired secretly in their prayers, to make humble supplications to God for the foresaid things: for the which prayers, there shall be a certaine space kept in silence.

That done, the Bishop shall pray in this wise.

¶ Let vs pray.

**A** Almighty God, and heavenly Father, which of thine infinite loue, and goodnesse towards vs, hast giuen to vs thy only & most deare beloved Son Iesus Christ to be our redeemer & authoz of euerlasting life, who after he had made perfect our redemption by his death, & was ascended into heauen, sent abroad into the world his Apostles, Prophets, Euangelists, Doctours,



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Doctours, and Pastours, by whose labour and ministry, hee gathered together a great flocke in all the parts of the world, to set forth the eternall praise of thy holy Name. For these so great benefits of thy eternall goodnesse, and for that thou hast vouchsafed to call these thy servants here present, to the same office and ministry of saluation of mankind, wee render vnto thee most hearty thanks, we worship and praise thee, and we humbly beseech thee, by the same thy Sonne, to grant vnto vs all, which either here, or elsewhere call vpon thy Name, that wee may shew our selues thankful to thee, for these and all other thy benefits, & that we may dayly increase and goe forwards, in the knowledge and faith of thee and thy Sonne, by the holy Spirit. So that as well by these thy Ministers, as by them to whom they shall be appointed Ministers, thy holy Name may be alwayes glorified, and thy blessed kingdome enlarged, through the same thy Sonne our Lord Iesus Christ, which liueth and reigneth with thee, in the vnitie of the same holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

When this prayer is done, the Bishop with the Priests present, shall lay their hands seuerally vpon the head of euery one that receiue Orders: The Receiuers humbly kneeling vpon their knees, and the Bishop saying,

**R**eceiue the holy Ghost: whose sinnes thou doest forgiue, they are forgiven: and whose sinnes thou doest retaine, they are retained: and be thou a faithfull dispenser of the word of God, and of his holy Sacraments. In the Name of the Father, and of the Sonne, and of the holy Ghost. Amen.

The Bishop shall deliuer to euery one of them the Bible in his hand, saying,

**T**ake thou authorizity to preach the word of God, and to minister the holy Sacraments in this Congregation, where thou shalt be so appointed.

When this is done, the Congregation shall sing the Creed, and also they shall goe to the Communion, which all they that receiue Orders, shall take together, and remaine in the same place where the hands were layd vpon them, vntill such time as they haue receiued the Communion.

The Communion being done, after the last Collect, and immediatly before the Benediction, shall be said this Collect.

**M**ost mercifull Father, we beseech thee so to send vpon these thy servants thy heauenly blessing, that they may bee clad about with all iustice, and that thy word spoken by their mouthes, may haue such successe, that it may neuer be spoken in vaine. Grant also that we may haue grace to heare, and receiue the same as thy



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most holy word, and the meanes of our saluation, that in all our words and deeds we may seeke thy glory, and the increase of thy Kingdome, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And if the Order of Deacons and Priesthood be giuen both vpon one day, then shall all things at the holy Communion bee vsed, as they are appointed at the ordering of Priests, Saying that for the Epistle, the whole third Chapter of the first to Timothie shall be read, as it is set out before in the order of Priests. And immediatly after the Epistle the Deacons shall be ordered. And it shall suffice the Letany to be said once.



## The Forme of Consecrating of an Archbishop, or Bishop.

¶ At the Communion.

The Epistle.

**T**his is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a Bishop he desireth an honest worke. A Bishop therefore must be blamelesse, the husband of one wife, diligent, sober, discret, a keeper of hospitality, apt to teach, not giuen to ouermuch wine, no fighter, not greedy of filthy lucre, but gentle, abhorring fighting, abhorring couetousnesse, one that ruleth wel his owne house, one that hath children in subiection with all reuerence. For if a man cannot rule his owne house, how shall he care for the Congregation of God? Hee may not be a yong scholler, lest he swell, and fall into the iudgement of the euill speaker. He must also haue a good report of them which are without, lest he fall into rebuke, and the snare of the euill speaker.

The Gospel.

**I**esus said to Simon Peter, Simon Iohanna, louest thou mee, more then these? Hee said vnto him, Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I loue thee: hee sayd to him, Feed my Lambes. He said to him againe the second time, Simon Iohanna, louest thou mee? Hee said vnto him, Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I loue thee: he  
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said vnto him, feed my sheepe. Hee said vnto him the third time, Simon Iohanna, louest thou me? Peter was sorry, because he said vnto him the third time, Louest thou me? And hee said vnto him, Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I loue thee. Iesus said vnto him, feed my sheepe.

Or else out of the tenth Chapter of Iohn: as before in the order of Priests.

After the Gospel and Creed ended: first the elected Bishop shall bee presented by two Bishops, vnto the Archbishop of that Prouince, or to some other Bishop appointed by his commission: the Bishops that present him, saying,

**M**ost reuerend Father in God, we present vnto you this godly and well learned man to be consecrated Bishop.

Then shall the Archbishop demand the Kings mandate, for the consecration, and cause it to bee read, and the Oath touching the knowledge of the Kings Supremacie, shall be ministred to the persons elected, as it is set out in the order of Deacons. And then shall bee ministred the Oath of due obedience vnto the Archbishop, as followeth.

### *The Oath of due obedience to the Archbishop.*

**I**n the Name of God, Amen. I N. chosen Bishop of the Church and See of N. doe professe and promise all due reuerence and obedience to the Archbishop, and to the Metropolitall Church of N. and to their successors: so helpe me God, through Iesus Christ.

This Oath shall not be made at the Consecration of an Archbishop.

Then the Archbishop shall mooue the Congregation present, to pray, saying thus to them,

**B**rethren, it is written in the Gospel of S. Luke, that our Saviour Christ continued the whole night in prayer, as euer that he did chuse and send forth his twelue Apostles. It is written also in the Acts of the Apostles, that the Disciples which were at Antioch did fast and pray, as euer they laid hands vpon, or sent forth Paul and Barnabas. Let vs therefore, following the example of our Saviour Christ and his Apostles, first fall to prayer, or that we admit and send forth this person presented vnto vs, to the worke whereunto we trust the holy Ghost hath called him.

And



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And then shall be said the Letanie, as afore in the order of Deacons.

And after this place, **That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, &c.** he shall say.

**That it may please thee to blesse this our brother elected, and to send thy grace vpon him, that hee may duely execute the office whereunto hee is called, to the edifying of thy Church, and to the honour, praise, and glory of thy Name.**

Answer.

**We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.**

Concluding the Letanie in the end, with this prayer.

**A**lmighty God, giuer of all good things, which by thy holy spirit hast appointed diuers orders of Ministers in thy Church, mercifully behold this thy seruant, now called to the worke and ministry of a Bishop, and replenish him so with the truth of thy doctrine, and innocencie of life, that both by word and deed he may faithfully serue thee in this office, to the glory of thy Name, and profit of thy Congregation, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liueth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Then the Archbishop sitting in a chaire, shall say to him that is to bee consecrated.

**B**rother, for as much as holy Scripture, and the old Canons commandeth that we should not be hasty in laying on hands, and admitting of any person to the gouernment of the Congregation of Christ, which he hath purchased with no lesse price then the effusion of his owne blood: afore I admit you to this administration, whereunto you are called, I will examine you in certaine articles, to the end the Congregation present, may haue a triall and beare witnesse how ye be minded to behaue your selfe in the Church of God.

**Are you perswaded that you bee truly called to this ministrati-  
on, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the order  
of this Realme?**

Answer.

**I am so perswaded.**

The Archbishop.

**A**re you perswaded that the holy Scriptures containe suffici-  
ently all doctrine, required of necessitie for eternall saluati-  
on, through the faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined  
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with the same holy Scriptures, to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach or maintaine nothing as required of necessitie to eternall saluation, but that you shall be perswaded may be concluded and proued by the same?

Answered.

I am so perswaded and determined by Gods grace.

The Archbishop.

**W**ill you then faithfully exercise your selfe in the sayd holy Scriptures, and call vpon God by prayer, for the true vnderstanding of the same, so as ye may be able by them to teach and exhort with wholesome doctrine, and to withstand and conuince the gainesayers?

Answered.

I will so doe by the helpe of God.

The Archbishop.

**B**e you ready with all faithfull diligence to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to Gods word, and both priuately and openly to call vpon and encourage others to the same?

Answered.

I am ready the Lord being my helper.

The Archbishop.

**V**ill you deny all vngodlinesse and worldly lusts, and liue soberly, righteously, and godly in this world, that you may shew your selfe in all things an example of good works vnto others, that the aduersary may be ashamed, hauing nothing to lay against you?

Answered.

I will so doe the Lord being my helper.

The Archbishop.

**V**ill you maintaine and set forward (as much as shall lie in you) quietnesse, peace, and loue among all men: and such as be vnquiet, disobedient, and criminous within your Diocese, correct and punish according to such authoritie as yee haue by Gods word, and as to you shall bee committed by the ordinance of this Realme?

Answered.

I will doe so by the helpe of God.

The Archbishop.

**V**ill you shew your selfe gentle, and be mercifull for Christs sake to poore and needie people, and to all strangers destitute of helpe?

Answered.



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Answer.

I will shew my selfe by Gods helpe.

The Archbishop.

**A** Almighty God our heavenly father, who hath giuen you a good will to doe all these things: grant also vnto you strength and power to performe the same, that hee accomplishing in you the good worke which he hath begun, yee may bee found perfect and irreprehensible at the latter day, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall be sung or sayd, Come holy Ghost, &c,

As it is set out in the order of Priests.

That ended the Archbishop shall say.

Lord heare our prayer.

Answer.

And let our cry come vnto thee.

¶ Let vs pray.



**A**lmighty God, and most mercifull father, which of thine infinite goodnesse hast giuen thy onely and most deare beloued Son Iesus Christ to be our Redeemer and Author of euermore lasting life, who after that hee had made perfect our Redemption by his death, and was ascended into heauen, powred downe his gifts abundantly vpon men, making some Apostles, some Prophets, some Euangelists, some Pastours and Doctours, to the edifying and making perfect his Congregation: grant wee beseech thee, to this thy seruant such grace, that hee may euermore be ready to spread abroad thy Gospell, and glad tidings of reconcilement to God, and to vse the authoritie giuen vnto him, not to destroy, but to saue, not to hurt, but to helpe: so that he, as a wise and faithfull seruant giuing to thy family meate in due season, may at the last bee receiued into joy, through Iesu Christ our Lord, who with thee, and the holy Ghost, liueth and reigneth one God, world without end. Amen.

Then the Archbishop and Bishops present, shall lay their hands vpon the head of the elected Bishop, the Archbishop saying,

**T**ake the holy Ghost, and remember that thou stirre vp the grace of God, which is in thee, by imposition of hands: for God hath not giuen vs the Spirit of feare, but of power, and loue, and sobriety.

Then



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Then the Archbishop shall deliuer him the Bible, saying,

**G**ive heed vnto reading, exhortation, and doctrine. Thinke vpon these things contained in this booke. Be diligent in them, that the increase comming thereby, may be manifest vnto all men. Take heed vnto thy selve, and vnto teaching, and be diligent in doing them: for by doing this, thou shalt saue thy selve, and them that heare thee. Bee to the flocke of Christ a shepherd, not a wolfe: feed them, deuoure them not: hold vp the weak, heale the sick, binde together the broken, bring againe the outcasts, seeke the lost, bee so mercifull, that yee be not too remisse: so minister discipline, that you forget not mercy, that when the chiefe Shepherd shall come, ye may receiue the immarcescible crowne of glory, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Archbishop shall proceed to the Communion, with whom the new consecrated Bishop, with other shall also communicate. And for the last Collect immediately before the Benediction, shall be said this Prayer.

**M**ost merciful Father, we beseech thee, to send down vpon this thy seruant thy heavenly blessing, and so endue him with thy holy Spirit, that he preaching thy word, may not onely be earnest to reprove, beseech, and rebuke, with all patience and doctrine, but also may bee, to such as beleue, an wholesome example, in word, in conuersation, in loue, in faith, in chastity, and purity that faithfully fulfilling his course, at the latter day hee may receiue the Crowne of righteousness, laid by by the Lord the righteous Judge, who liueth and reigneth, one God with the Father and the holy Ghost, world without end.  
Amen.

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